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REMARKS

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1. On 5 September 1952, the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse, Prenzlau (N 54/U 14) were occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Seven T-34/85 tanks and trucks were in the barracks yard. On 28 August, JS-2 tanks and trucks were observed. At 8 a.m. on 29 August, a column of 19 JS-2 tanks, 3 JSU-122 guns moved out of the installation toward Templin (N 54/U 31) and returned at 5:30 p.m. accompanied by an additional 13 JS-3 tanks and trucks. On 1 September, JSU-122 guns stood in the installation. JS-3 tank was seen there on 5 September. (1)
2. During the period from 23 August to 5 September, the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse in Prenzlau quartered only a rear detail with red-bordered black epaulets.
3. At noon on 22 August, 30 T-34/85 tanks with the turrets were loaded at the Prenzlau railroad station. Each tank carried a crew of an officer wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and four Volkspolizei. The loading was done under the supervision of a Soviet major, and a Volkspolizei major. At noon on 23 August, 24 T-34/85 tanks and crews as mentioned above were unloaded and subsequently seen departing toward Blindow. (1)
4. On 26 August, three columns each of 26 sidecar motorcycles with crews of two men each passed through Dannenberg south of Hohenfinow near Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), coming from the direction of Platzfelde and proceeding toward Hohenfinow. Numerous sidecar motorcycles individually or in small groups passed through Dannenberg on 27 August at irregular time intervals, also proceeding toward Hohenfinow. The same observations were made on 28 August. No vehicular traffic was noticed on 29 August. (2)

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5. At 7 a.m. on 28 August, two trains of 80 to 100 axles each and loaded with a large number of troops with red-bordered black epaulets and trucks including at least six motor vehicles with folded antennas [redacted] were radio cars, stood at the Velten (N 53/L 66) railroad station. [redacted] One of the trains was still in the railroad station in the evening of 28 August. (3) 25X1
6. At 5:30 a.m. on 3 September, a column of 6 T-34 tanks and 4 trucks arrived at the Schwerin (N 54/T 46) freight station from the direction of Ludwigslust (N 54/T 53). The vehicles were subsequently loaded onto 12 railroad cars which were coupled to the regular freight train leaving at 11 a.m. and, [redacted] were bound for the Dranse (N 54/U 22) railroad station. At 10 a.m., 5 trucks and 2 radio cars [redacted] and 120 troops were loaded, and dispatched at 12:30 p.m. (4) 25X1
7. On 18 August, numerous trucks with pontoons and bridge building equipment and a field kitchen were loaded at the freight station of Aken near Dessau (M 52/E 17). The trucks [redacted] that they belonged to the engineer units from the area of Gross Kuehnau, Rietzneck and Drambach. (5) 25X1
- Comments.
- (1) For the comment on the occupation in Prenzlau [redacted] covering the time from 15 to 26 August, [redacted] the present statements confirm information in the reference report, according to which the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse quartered Soviet troops and that on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse Soviet troops and Volkspolizei. Paragraph 1 of the present report does not indicate whether the tanks in the northwestern installation, which departed toward Templin on 29 August and returned the same evening, are identical with those which arrived in Prenzlau from the U.S.S.R. [redacted] have hitherto chiefly appeared in the quarters of the 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg, it can be concluded that the tanks concerned belong to this division and are temporarily stationed in Prenzlau, possibly only while being broken in. [redacted] are reported for the first time since the change of the old system. [redacted] belong to elements of the Second Gds Mecz Army. [redacted] would be more plausible as they [redacted] not commented on belong to units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. As the correctness [redacted] is doubted, the entire report is forwarded with reservation. However the delivery of T-34 tanks to the Volkspolizei is plausible as it is believed that a distributing point which handles the delivery of tanks to VP units in Eastern Mecklenburg is stationed in Prenzlau. 25X1
- (2) Presumably march practices of a motorcycle unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were performed. 25X1
- (3) The two shipments which also carried three motor vehicles of the Second Gds Mecz Army have probably been observed for the first time. 25X1

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- (1) The tanks possibly belong to the 74th (Hv?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Cds  
Itz Rifle Div from the Moltke Kaserne in Schwerin which is situated on  
Ludwigsluster Strasse. The Lranse railroad station is unloading station  
for the Wittstock troop training grounds. Motor vehicles of the Third  
Shock Army were loaded at 10 a.m. on 3 September.

- (5) [redacted] the Eighth Cds Army and the [redacted]  
[redacted] the Third Shock Army. Therefore, it cannot be determined  
whether elements of both armies have actually been loaded. This year,  
engineer units of the Third Shock Army have not yet been observed practicing  
in the area west of Dessau.

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